

## **APPENDIX D**

### **VAPOR INTRUSION PRESENTATIONS**

# **Vapor Intrusion (VI) Investigation Summary**

**November 18, 2010**

# Access and VI Field Work

- 37 of the 48 property owners provided access for the VI sampling activities.
- Sampling has been completed at 36 of the 37 properties.
- FWEC will conduct the remaining sampling at the 1 remaining property once it receives notification from the property owner that the relevant household products have been removed from the home.
- The laboratory analytical results for the 37 properties have been received, reviewed for quality assurance, collated and distributed to the relevant property owners and USEPA.

# VI Investigation Design

**The VI Investigation was conducted in the following areas:**

- Area 1 – Historical TCE groundwater detections – generally 130 to 200 µg/L.
- Area 2 – Historical TCE groundwater detections – generally 50 to 130 µg/L.
- Area 3 – Historical TCE groundwater detections – generally 5 to 50 µg/L.

**The following summarizes by Area the sampling activities:**

- Area 1 – Indoor air, sub-slab soil gas, and shallow groundwater sampling at all locations where access was provided.
- Area 2 – Sub-slab soil gas and shallow groundwater sampling at all locations where access was provided.
- Area 3 – Sub-slab soil gas and shallow groundwater sampling at 25% of the locations, so long as access was provided.

# Summary of Sample Types

Sample Type	Sample Quantity	Properties
Indoor Air	15	7
Outdoor Air (Ambient)	7	7
Sub-Slab Soil Gas	61	26
Soil Gas	4	3
Shallow Groundwater	38	34
Shallow Groundwater Below Slab	1	1
Sump Water	6	4
Water from Pipe Discharge	3	3
Pond Water	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>136 Samples</b>	<b>37 Properties</b>

# **Summary of VI Results for TCE**

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## **Air and Soil Gas Sampling Results For TCE**

# Summary of Results for TCE

## Indoor Air Samples

- For the 7 properties where indoor air sampling was conducted, the results ranged from not detected to 0.24  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The highest detected concentration was below the USEPA Regional Screening Level (RSL) of 1.2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

## Outdoor Air (Ambient) Samples

- For the 7 properties where outdoor air sampling was conducted, the results ranged from not detected to 0.081  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The highest detected concentration was below the USEPA RSL of 1.2  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

# Summary of Results for TCE (Con't)

## Sub-Slab Soil Gas Samples

- For 24 of the 26 properties where sub-slab soil gas sampling was conducted, the results ranged from not detected to  $6.8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The highest detected concentration was below the USEPA RSL of  $12.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .
- For 1 other property, located in Area 1, the sub-slab soil gas results ranged from 99 to  $1,700 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , above the USEPA RSL of  $12.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for sub-slab soil gas. At this property, the highest detected indoor air concentrations were below the USEPA RSL for indoor air.
- For a 2<sup>nd</sup> other property, located in Area 2, the results ranged from 17 to  $600 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , above the USEPA RSL of  $12.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . No TCE was detected in the sump water sample taken from this property, and this property is vacant. Indoor air sampling has not yet been conducted at this property.
- FWEC is in the process of making arrangements for follow-up sampling with the 2 property owners.



# Summary of Results for TCE (Con't)

## Soil Gas Samples

- For the 3 properties where soil gas sampling was conducted, the results range from not detected to 0.29  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The highest detected concentration was below the USEPA RSL of 12.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

# **Summary of Results for TCE**

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## **Water Sampling Results For TCE**

# Summary of Results for TCE (Con't)

## Shallow Groundwater Samples

- For 32 of the 34 properties where shallow groundwater sampling was conducted, the results ranged from not detected to 0.51 µg/L. The highest detected concentration was below the USEPA groundwater criteria of 5.0 µg/L.
- For 1 other property, the results were not detected, 0.88 and 98 µg/L. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> other property, the result was 43 µg/L. One result for each property was above the USEPA groundwater criteria of 5.0 µg/L. At each of these 2 properties, the result above the USEPA groundwater criteria was from a groundwater sample collected near a previously identified spring.
- FWEC is in the process of making arrangements for follow-up sampling with the 2 property owners.

# Summary of Results for TCE (Con't)

## Water Samples from Discharge Pipe

- For 3 properties, water samples were collected from a discharge pipe from a spring on the property. The springs had been sampled in the past.
- For 1 property, TCE was not detected in the collected sample.
- At the 2<sup>nd</sup> property, the result was 1.8 µg/L, below the USEPA groundwater criteria of 5.0 µg/L. This is the same property at which the shallow groundwater sample result was 43 µg/L.
- At the 3<sup>rd</sup> property, the result was 63 µg/L, above the USEPA groundwater criteria of 5.0 µg/L. This is the same property at which the shallow groundwater sample result was 98 µg/L.
- FWEC is in the process of making arrangements for follow-up sampling with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> property owners.

# Summary of Results for TCE (Con't)

## Groundwater Below Slab Sample

- For the 1 property where shallow groundwater was sampled below the slab, TCE was not detected in the collected sample.

## Sump Water Samples

- For the 4 properties where sump water was sampled, TCE was not detected in the collected samples.

## Pond Water Sample

- For the 1 property where pond water was sampled, TCE was not detected in the collected sample.

# Conclusions

- The “multiple lines of evidence” sampling design collected a variety of sample types from numerous locations in the Affected Area, expanding on the previous sampling activities.
- The sampling results are generally consistent with or below the results of the previous sampling activities, including the soil gas and indoor air sampling previously conducted in 2004 to 2006.
- All of the 15 indoor air samples were below the USEPA RSL for TCE. Out of the 136 total samples taken, 7 were above any of the USEPA criteria for TCE. Those 7 samples were taken from a total of 3 properties.
- FWEC is in the process of making arrangements for follow-up sampling with 3 property owners.

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**Vapor Intrusion (VI)**

**Investigation Summary**



# **Foster Wheeler Energy Corporation/Church Road TCE Site**

Vapor Intrusion Investigation  
Summary

November 18, 2010



# What is Vapor Intrusion?

- Volatile compounds, such as TCE, can give off vapors;
- Vapors can accumulate under building foundations, basements, or crawl spaces and can seep through cracks or other openings;
- Long term exposure to vapors in indoor air may cause health concerns.

# When is Vapor Intrusion a Potential Concern?

- Vapor intrusion may occur when groundwater TCE concentrations exceed the drinking water standard (5 ppb);
- Sampling conducted in 2005 at 10 locations with the highest TCE groundwater concentrations did not indicate vapor intrusion was occurring at levels exceeding applicable criteria;
- Current investigation expanded on previous work and was conducted in accordance with current EPA guidance, issued in June 2009.

# Testing Rationale

- Higher groundwater concentration = higher potential for vapor intrusion;
- “Multiple lines of evidence” approach;
  - Shallow groundwater;
  - Sub-slab;
  - Indoor air.
- Sampling program was designed to be representative of the area and could be expanded based on initial results;
  - Conducted by FWEC’s consultant, Tetra Tech, under EPA oversight.

# Where Did Testing Occur?

- Area approach:
  - Area 1: TCE > 130 ppb
  - Area 2: 50 ppb < TCE < 130 ppb
  - Area 3: 5 ppb < TCE < 50 ppb
- Area 1 included indoor air, sub-slab, and shallow groundwater testing at all locations within criteria;
- Area 2 included sub-slab and shallow groundwater testing at all locations within criteria;
- Area 3 included sub-slab and shallow groundwater testing at 25% of locations within criteria;
- Testing was conducted at a total of 37 properties.

# Test Results

- Results compared to EPA risk-based screening criteria;
- Results provided to homeowners individually and are confidential.

# What is Risk?

- Risk calculations are used to set EPA Regional Screening Levels (RSLs) and Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs);
- Levels are set based on “excess cancer risk”;
  - The number of additional cases of cancer that **may** occur from exposure over 30 years at the indicated concentration.

# EPA's Risk Range

- Acceptable Risk Range:  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-4}$ :
  - $10^{-6}$ : 1 additional cancer in 1,000,000
  - $10^{-4}$ : 1 additional cancer in 10,000
- Risk  $< 10^{-6}$ : No additional action necessary;
- $10^{-6} < \text{Risk} < 10^{-4}$ : Additional investigation necessary;
- Risk  $> 10^{-4}$ : Remedial action necessary.

# TCE Cancer Risk

- RSLs set at  $10^{-6}$  risk;
- MCLs set at a concentration that is protective to human health and to which treatment is practicable, **not** at a level at which health impacts would be expected;
- TCE Indoor Air Risk:
  - $10^{-6}$ :  $1.2 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
  - $10^{-4}$ :  $120 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- TCE Groundwater Risk:
  - $10^{-6}$ : 11 ppb
  - $10^{-4}$ : 1100 ppb